

ENGLISH COURSE BY TELEPHONE

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DATE	TOPICS	LESSON LENGTH
7 th May 2014	Discussion: A weekend in Giverny & Vernon Vocabulary: Review of April class notes Article: It's madness to privatise Marx	0.75h

LANGUAGE	NOTES & EXPLANATIONS
The properties are well-kept / well looked after around Giverny.	
It's certainly high on my list of places to visit.	
to keep abreast of <i>sth</i>	<i>se tenir informé de qch</i>
to give <i>sb</i> a standing ovation	
to get over <i>sth</i> (an illness, etc)	<i>se remettre de</i>
squidgy	/skwɪdʒi/
to take hold of <i>sth</i>	
to nudge <i>sb</i>	<i>donner un petit coup de coude à</i> (figuratively) <i>encourager</i>
awesome = wonderful, incredible	
a plant (in the context of espionage)	<i>une taupe / un agent infiltré</i>
a precarious situation	/pɪkɪəri:əs/
400,000 copies have been sold so far.	N.B. Use present perfect for a time up to now.
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zeitgeist	<i>air du temps</i>
archives	/ɑ:kaivz/

the town hall	<i>la mairie</i>
conservative (party, politics, attitudes)	oOoo
to profit of sth	
to profit from sth	
to take advantage of sth	
We will see what happens next Sunday...	
It's a dangerous time.	
a mandate / a term of office	
to be authoritarian	oooOoo
a mainstream party	
to be marginalised	Oooo
supporters (of a political party)	
UKIP = the UK Independence Party	
UKIP are more subtle than the National Front.	/sʌtl/ N.B. silent 'b'
UKIP have a veneer of respectability about them...	<i>un vernis / un apparence</i>
For the Conservatives, the financial crisis was not a disaster, but a long-awaited opportunity.	
mondiale economies	
global economies	
liberal markets	/lɪbərəl/ rather than /laɪbərəl/
interactive	ooOo
a blessing in disguise	
to future-proof sth	
to think about sth well in advance	
a large institute dedicated to the preparation of different exams	
to participate to lectures	
to participate in lectures	
a competitive entrance exam	